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NATIONALIZATION OF ARMAMENT INDUSTRY URGED

BREN CONTRACT IS IN LIMELIGHT AT OTTAWA SESSION

No Evidence of Parliamentary Opposition to Increase in Defence Estimates

CONTRACT UNDER FIRE

Miss Macphail Charges Farmers Must Pay Exorbitant Prices for Machinery

By M. McDUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Feb. 1st. — In their speeches on the debate on the Speech from the Throne, members of the House of Commons have covered a very wide field. The general effect was to give a composite picture of Canada's economic problems.

Increased Defence Estimates

The highlight of the session is the increase in the defence department's estimates from 36 million to 63-1/2 million dollars, with a projected expenditure on the air arm of about 30 million dollars, an advance of about 18 million on the previous year's appropriation. It is generally believed in Parliamentary circles that in view of world conditions, with the aggravated tension which will probably follow the success of the insurgent forces in Spain, there will not be very serious opposition to the increased appropriations on the floor of the House. Whether this is true or not will be seen when the estimates are discussed.

The most incisive attack on defence measures already launched was made by Grant MacNeil, C.C.F. member from Vancouver. His criticism was not on the appropriations but on the need of "the closest and most rigorous scrutiny of the spending methods of those to whom the administration of these vast sums is entrusted." He insisted on assurance that Canada will receive full value in defence measures for every dollar spent in defence. He thought there was too little to show for the 300 million dollars spent on defence between 1918 and 1937 and for the 70 million spent in the past two years.

Case for Nationalization

Mr. MacNeil entered a protest against the Bren gun contract, and urged nationalization of armament manufacture. A house committee will likely discuss the Bren gun contract, which was investigated by the Davis commission.

On the general question of defence, it is quite apparent here that the

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Clarence Hatry, the stock market operator who when he crashed had liabilities of over \$143,000,000, was released from prison in Britain on Monday after serving nine years on convictions for fraud.

At least 29 lives were lost in blizzards that swept across the Northeastern States early this week.

Dairy Convention Speaker



"Some Problems of Dairy Cattle Feeding and Management" will be the subject of an address by Dr. W. E. Peterson (above), at the annual meeting of the Alberta Dairymen's Association to be held in Calgary, February 7th, 8th and 9th. Dr. Peterson is associate professor of dairy industry, University of Manitoba. The address will be broadcast over CFCN from 9 to 9:15 p.m.

May Compete With Woolworth's

MANCHESTER, England, Feb. 1st. — The British co-operatives have long stood idly by while Woolworth's and other limited price variety stores "skimmed the cream" from the "Bazaar" and novelty trade. Woolworth's recently declared a 50 per cent dividend on its shares of stock and a 15 per cent bonus on its 1938 trade. But things will be different if a proposal presented to the board of The Co-operative Wholesale Society is accepted. According to the plan under consideration the co-op. wholesale will open a series of limited price variety stores to bring back to the co-operatives part of this very lucrative trade.

U.S. TO AID DEMOCRACIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 1st. — President Roosevelt, according to today's newspapers here, told a Senate committee he favored assisting European democracies by selling munitions to them; one report being that he said the U.S. in event of war, would aid Britain and France by every means short of sending troops overseas. Nothing appears to have been said, however, about selling munitions to the one democracy now so gravely threatened — Spain.

Accused by District Attorney Dewey of accepting more than \$400,000 in loans from persons interested in cases coming before him, Judge Manton handed his resignation to President Roosevelt on Tuesday.

The report of the special committee on redistribution is in process of preparation, stated Hon. Lucien Maynard in Edmonton. A redistribution bill will be introduced in the Legislature during the session which opens on February 9th, it is expected.

Ask at Least Present Degree of Protection for Growers

REGINA, Feb. 1st. — Unanimously agreeing with the view that the Federal Government should in the coming crop season afford Western wheat producers at least as much protection as during the past season, the "Bracken" wheat committee meeting here instructed a sub-committee to prepare recommendations to be presented to Ottawa.

Report No Colonies for Hitler Unless Plan Reached re Disarmaments

LONDON, Feb. 1st. — Sources believed to be close to the Cabinet suggest today that the meaning of certain passages in Prime Minister Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons Tuesday is that the British Government is unwilling to give up any colonies to Hitler except as an accompaniment of extensive disarmament.

It is understood that in particular, Britain will not give up Tanganyika, because this is regarded as vital to the safety of the route to India.

MAY BE TRIED FOR TREASON

PARIS, Feb. 1st. — General Franco has intimated to the French Government that he will permit women and children refugees now in France to be sent back to territory he occupies, but that he reserves the right to try any persons sent back, for "treason."

Killed by Troops



The Mexican war department reports former General Saturnino Cedillo, above, once secretary of agriculture in President Cardenas' cabinet, slain in a brief battle with federal troops. Last spring Cedillo led an abortive uprising, which is believed to have been financed by foreign interests affected by legislation nationalizing resources.

CRIPPS' EXPULSION MARKS NEW PHASE BRITISH STRUGGLE

Local Labor Parties More Favorable Than Executive to Inter-Party Understanding

AGAINST CHAMBERLAIN

Co-operation of Dissident Conservatives and of Liberals Is Still Possibility

LONDON, Feb. 1st. — Expulsion of Sir Stafford Cripps from the Labor party, announced a few days ago, marks a new phase in the struggle to build up a force from all parties, led by Labor, to oust the Chamberlain administration.

Sir Stafford was expelled by the Labor Executive for his activities in this direction. But in the Local Labor parties belief in the necessity for such action is growing, as it is felt that foreign affairs today dominate all other issues—that no movement committed to wide social change along democratic lines will have a chance to function if Britain should be hemmed in by a Fascist Europe. Every move towards a "Four Power Pact," planned by Mr. Chamberlain, tends, they believe, in that direction.

Willingness to co-operate with Conservatives like the Duchess of Atholl, and even with Churchill and other Conservatives, as well as with Liberals, is growing.

Issued Memorandum

The program which Sir Stafford proposed in a memorandum that caused all the trouble starts with two leading points:

"The effective protection of the democratic rights, liberties and freedom of the British people from internal and external attack.

"A positive policy of peace by collective action with France, Russia, the United States of America, and other democratic countries for the strengthening of democracy against aggression."

World economic reconstruction based upon justice to the people of all nations, and a democratic social program on which agreement might be possible, are urged.

Meanwhile, it is believed that the Labor Party Executive is not catching the ear of the country.

LONDON, Feb. 1st. — Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced a bill today to revalue gold at the current market price.

London demonstrators in the streets about the Houses of Parliament shouted "Arms for Spain" while the debate on foreign policy was going forward.

The Chamberlain foreign policy was upheld in the British House of Commons by 258 to 133, when Labor Members forced a vote Tuesday night. The Dominion Governments, claimed a Government supporter, welcomed the Anglo-Italian agreement.

STRESS NEED FOR UNITY AS DECIDE POLITICAL ISSUE

Overwhelming Vote for Cessation of Political Activity by U.F.A. —Discussion Reviewed

Decision of the United Farmers of Alberta to "cease all direct political activity" was reached by the Annual Convention of the Association after a discussion in which 19 persons took part, the great majority favoring the recommendation to this effect made by the Central Board of the Association. The vote was six or seven to one, with a relatively small number of delegates abstaining.

The resolution on this question adopted by the Convention also directed that "no individual, local or (district) association be allowed in any circumstances whatever to use any part of the U.F.A. machinery to endorse or promote the interests of a political party or movement."

Determining Factor

Undoubtedly the determining factor in the minds of the delegates was the belief that by ceasing political activity the Association will be able more effectively to unite the forces of the farm people in defence of their interests. Speaker after speaker, supporting the resolution, expressed the conviction that the efforts of the United Farmers in public affairs had

brought great and lasting benefits to the farm people; and that the method of taking political action which had been followed was sound. They made it clear that the reason why they considered a change of policy necessary was that the ranks of the farm people were now seriously divided.

That a basis upon which all farm people might be brought to work together to save their industry and their livelihood was desirable, was stressed. Tolerance characterized the debate, and the fostering of tolerance and co-operation in all farm communities, irrespective of political differences, was strongly urged.

A Convention Episode

A striking episode followed the announcement of the result of the vote, when H. E. Cole, president of the Newhope Social Credit Group, handed a dollar to his friend George Banner, a delegate from Dowling Local, Endiang, in payment of membership dues for 1939 in the Association, and this was passed up to Miss Eileen Birch, secretary of the Association, on the platform. Cheers from the Convention greeted the announcement made by Mr. Banner from the platform.

One thing was made clear by those delegates who would have preferred that the Association continue direct political activity. The decision was loyally accepted, and irrespective of differences of opinion, the minority will work no less actively than others to build up the strength of the Association and press for the realization of its economic program.

Informal discussions between dele-

Traders With Spain Refute Profiteering Charge

LONDON, Eng.—Replying to charges that there had been heavy profiteering in the dangerous ocean traffic with Spanish Government ports, E. R. Newbigin, chairman of the committee of British shipowners Trading to Spain, wrote Prime Minister Chamberlain, pointing out that the extra freight charges were more than absorbed by the enormous cost of ensuring against war risks and other outlay involved. The Prime Minister acknowledged the letter, "but no steps were taken to remove the false impression that had been created," stated Mr. Newbigin.

gates, and between delegates and *The Western Farm Leader*, left the conviction that this will be a general attitude.

Jack Sutherland of the U.F.A. Executive moved the resolution. The U.F.A. had reason to be proud of its achievement in the field of public affairs. He had been reluctantly convinced that in view of divisions which had arisen in the farmers' ranks, it would be impossible "to go on as we have done during the past few years. We must forget our differences."

"As Good U.F.A. Man as Before"

"Why climb back from the best thing that ever happened for Alberta and Canada?" asked Levi Bone, opposing the resolution. He had never taken a cent for any work he had done during 20 years in the U.F.A., because he believed most sincerely in its value to the farm people. "If we do go out of politics," Mr. Bone concluded, "I shall, however, be just as good a U.F.A. man as before."

Supporting the resolution, Henry Moore, of Delia, said he believed a revival would come; and N. P. Nelson, of Standard, opposing it, said the farmers still believed that the U.F.A. in public affairs stood for progressive policies—neither extreme right nor extreme left. He pointed out that in Sweden the Social Democrat wage-earners and the farm people had found it possible to work fruitfully together for the mutual benefit of both.

The need to build up a large membership was emphasized by Mr. Kemper of Barnwell Local, supporting the resolution.

"It has taken me three years to reach the conclusion that we should take such a course as this; for I am proud of what our groups achieved at Ottawa and Edmonton," said George E. Church of the Executive. Mrs. Cora J. Kerns of Acme, said that the U.F.A. had perhaps "got ahead of the people" prior to 1935. She counselled withdrawal from politics.

Stresses Need for Unity

Record of the U.F.A. and its allies in public affairs included the restoration of Crow's Nest Pass freight rates, which saves Western farmers many millions of dollars every year; Old Age pensions, debt adjustment legislation in which Alberta gave the lead to Canada, stated George Banner of Dowling Local. But unity among the farmers was the necessity of today, and cessation from politics would promote it, he said.

"No change" from the policy of the past 14 years, was advocated by John Johanson of Woolford, who pointed out that every constituency had been free to nominate or not to nominate a candidate, as the members saw fit.

H. A. Walker of Raley opposed the resolution while Major Baker of Bittern Lake, who had always approved of U.F.A. participating in politics, stressed the item in the C.C.F. program endorsed by the U.F.A. favoring public control and ownership of natural resources. Change was the law of the universe, and we must adapt ourselves or perish, he said.

Henry Young of Millet said the first essential for the movement was a reasonably united membership. There was now a place for progressive people

Big News Story Was Not "News" for Three London Daily Papers

Papers Which Have Encouraged Dictators Ignore Monster Earl's Court Meeting

LONDON, Eng.—When is news "News" to the London *Times*, the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Telegraph*? is the question which many Londoners are asking, as the result of the failure of these three papers to publish so much as a word about the most largely attended meeting which has been held here for a very long time—a meeting on a wet Sunday at Earl's Court, when 12,000 persons crowded in and it was estimated another 2,000 were turned away.

The occasion was a memorial meeting to the 543 British citizens who laid down their lives as members of the International Brigade supporting the Loyalist cause in Spain—thereby, incidentally, helping to hold at bay the forces sent by Mussolini and Hitler to win control of new territory from which to threaten French and British overseas communications.

Encouraged Dictators

The *Daily Mail* has been the most openly pro-Fascist and pro-Hitler of British daily newspapers, and has given constant encouragement to Fascist and Nazi dictators, who now imperil the position of the democracies of the world. The *Times* played a leading role in the betrayal of Czechoslovakia. The *Telegraph* leans, today, however, towards Churchill and Eden, and its boycotting of the "story" is not so readily explained.

Commenting on this episode, a writer to a London periodical pointed out, "Newspapers are constantly warning their readers of the dangers of outside censorship, and yet here, for purely political reasons, we have a self-imposed censorship as reprehensible and damaging to the cause of freedom as any outside censorship could be."

"Youth leaders realize that they are dealing with potential dynamite. If the economic situation should get worse, youth might very easily be stampeded into Fascism as it has been in other countries. But with proper education and leadership youth can also be rallied in defence of our democratic institutions. If this is to be achieved, the democratic ideal must be re-stated in terms as dynamic as those put forth by the dictators."—Margaret Archibald.

Following an address by Margaret Archibald, Junior U.F.A. President, a Junior Local was organized at Okotoks.

to go in politics, following the withdrawal of the U.F.A. William Runte of Wetaskiwin, favored withdrawal, as he believed the effectiveness of the Association would be increased thereby; and Mrs. B. C. Learned of Sylvan Lake, said unless the farm organization had a strong enough membership behind it it could not be a powerful weapon in the farmers' interest. The contribution which the U.F.A. had made to Canadian public life would never be lost. She favored withdrawal.

Believes Many Will Return

Mobilization of citizenship in every Local, without direct participation in politics, was favored by H. F. Spencer of Parkland; while H. Bouillier of Soda Lake, urged withdrawal; as did Mrs. C. L. Oldfield of Milo, who believed that if this were done many of those who had left the U.F.A. would return.

Ronald Pye, of Penhold, Director, paid tribute to work done at Ottawa and by the U.F.A. Government, but said that any mistakes that might be made by any U.F.A. government were reflected back on the organization.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

DELEGATES' CONVENTION

NOVEMBER, 1938

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

As We Begin 1939

Parkwood, Bowden.

My previous short messages to you have dealt principally with the necessity for loyalty to our organisation and faith in the guiding principles of Co-operation. These two factors have been amply demonstrated by the membership of the C.A.D.P. or I would not have the privilege of writing you today.

It seems to me as I look back over the year just gone, that we have come through a testing time, which has knit the whole organisation more closely together and made us one and all more determined than ever to press toward our goal.

Steel is tempered, gold purified, by great heat, and nothing but good can accrue, if we but profit by past mistakes. During the last few months (shall we term it a re-organisation period?) your Management and Board have been devising ways and means to rehabilitate your Pool to its previous enviable position, realising that in the last analysis they will be judged not solely by their great love for one another, nor their faith in any principle, but in their capability of demonstrating by dollars and cents as well that the co-operative system of marketing has a worth while advantage over the profit system.

The first steps toward this end have already been taken. Today we know the actual cost of each of our operations; if our budget plan materialises we know we have rounded the corner; but before passing I must give great credit to our Management and Central Office Staff. Your records today are kept in such a manner that "all who run may read"—intricate as to detail, but so simple to understand. With a hard working and loyal personnel in every key-position, the work of your Board is so much easier. We truly have co-operation in our own house, the place where it must begin if we are to be successful.

As you are aware, your organisation is really democratic, your membership choosing your delegates, who in turn appoint the Directors; and these last gentlemen you hold directly responsible for the welfare of your Pool; but I am sure the thought furthestmost from the minds of our membership, is to shelve any responsibility THEY CAN carry, so I am going to put it up to them.

In these days of diminishing spreads between the price paid for raw product and finished product (a situation created entirely by our entry into the manufacturing end of the business), it becomes imperative that we step up our production end, for although we have manufactured at cost as many thousand pounds of butter in 1938 as we did in 1937, there is still much to be gained by further increases. You will, I know, do your best to get for us an increased volume, thus ensuring the utmost for successful and economical operations.

We are co-operating today not only for a principle but for a definite detailed plan, the accomplishment of which will give us no small measure of success. I need not remind you that this Pool is yours, owned and operated by you. Its success depends in a very large measure on the energy you put into it. I know I shall not ask in vain for you to give of your best, so that 1939 may be our banner year.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. K. MacSHANE.

CONDENSERY MILK PRICES

Recently cream prices were advanced without any change at that time for Condensery milk. On February 1st, the price for milk butterfat to the Condensery is being advanced also. The new price will give fair parity between the two.

More fresh milk could be used to advantage and the increased volume will enable Red Deer plant to more nearly take care of the orders they are

receiving for "Alpha" milk. The prospects at your butter plants and at the Condensery are definitely encouraging; more milk at one, more cream at the others, will almost guarantee very satisfactory results.

Possibly your neighbour is not now shipping to your Pool. Why not see him about it?

E. A. JOHNSTONE,
Manager, C.A.D.P.

COMPLEMENTARY TO OUR PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE, ALONG SIDE, ENTITLED

As We Begin
1939

*Your Staff wish to express
themselves.*

All along Life's Highway we learn
or are taught Lessons, and during
the last two years, in association
with every Pool member, we have
been much impressed by this one.

It is very aptly expressed
in the following four lines—

*"Ships sail East and ships sail
West*

*While the self-same breezes
blow,*

*For it is the set of the sail and
not the gale*

*That determines the way
they go."*

Despite adverse winds, storms with-
out and despairing spirits at times
within, YOUR COURAGE has
brought THE SHIP THROUGH.
We feel we have helped.

And you may

STILL COUNT ON US

The Staffs

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CLOSE RANKS

In the history of agriculture in Western Canada there never has been a time when the need for unity in the farmers' ranks was greater than it is today.

The decision of the United Farmers of Alberta to cease direct political action should pave the way to united action in the economic field.

Upon the question of direct participation in public affairs there has been for some time past a wide divergence of opinion. It would be unprofitable at this time to consider all the pros and cons of the matter. Division has been sharp, and the fact that it has existed has retarded the farm movement in many ways. A decision has been reached, and we believe that no matter what views may be held on the political issue, the wisdom of united action by farmers to deal with pressing economic problems must be apparent.

We hope and believe that rapid progress will be made towards such unity during the present year; and we believe that the United Farmers of Alberta, as the primary economic and educational organization, must play a leading role in that development.

As Robert Gardiner pointed out in his annual address, to obtain for the farmer a sufficient return to cover his costs of production is vital to his survival as a producer. How vitally necessary it is, the present condition of the farmers' markets most clearly demonstrates.

In the very near future the policy of the Dominion Government in respect to the guaranteed price for wheat may be determined. The outcome will depend in no small degree upon the strength of the farm movement in Western Canada. Other classes in the West will no doubt support the farmers. The Bracken Conference has done much to awaken them and the people of the Dominion as a whole to an understanding of the nature of the problem—and of the fact that agriculture, particularly in the West, is basic—that a ruined agriculture must mean a bankrupt Canada.

But, in Mr. Gardiner's words, "No one outside the farmers' ranks will solve the farmers' problems."

We wish the United Farmers a year of expansion and increasing usefulness.

WHAT! NOT FOR SALE?

(From *The Canadian Forum*)

Mr. George McCullagh, editor of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, cannot buy time on a national network to advertise his opinions on the state of the country. The ordinary commercial facilities were, of course, available, and the charge that he has been kept off the air is ridiculous. But our financial oligarchs are so accustomed to control all propaganda agencies, that when there is one they cannot buy, they think it monstrous. Hence the hue and cry raised by the *Globe and Mail*—supported by the *Montreal Gazette* and even by Dr. Manion in the House—all about free speech and dictatorial censorship. That is nonsense. The C.B.C. regulation about controversial and political broadcasts, clearly applied, is that "no individual may purchase any network to broadcast his own opinions" and the same holds of any "profit-making corporation." As to the wisdom of the regulation itself, which only applies to the nation-wide hook-up, Major Gladstone Murray convincingly defended it in his letter to the applicant. "The admission of the right of an individual to buy network time to propound views would entail, for example, the approval of the representatives of a profit-making corporation influencing public policy in favour of his corporation. . . . and an individual sponsoring his own opinions by virtue of the advantages of wealth." It is to be noted that Mr. McCullagh refused an invitation to take part in National Forum discussions from time to time.

National time belongs to the nation and is not necessarily for sale to the highest bidder. The C.B.C. policy "to encourage the fair presentation of controversial questions" by discussion is right. We hope that the new policy contemplated for election broadcasting will "assign such time on an equitable basis to all parties and rival candidates" (Can. Broadcasting Act, Sec. 22, i.e.). For the financial means of political parties vary as much as those of individuals.

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PRICE OF TREASON

Not thirty pieces of silver, but the equivalent of ten million dollars, was the price paid by Hitler's Nazi agency in bribes to French newspapers, publicists and politicians, to induce them to assist in the betrayal of

MORE SPEED WANTED

(*Edmonton Bulletin*)

The U.F.A. Convention approved a proposal that federal and provincial powers be pooled in an effort to speed up a clearance of the farm debt situation in Alberta. They suggested that the Debt Adjustment legislation and the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act be incorporated in one act, passed by both parliament and legislature, and the debt-revising carried out under its provisions.

For the reason that reconstructing the debts has not been proceeding fast enough to promise a general settlement within any measurable time. In three years, it was stated at the convention, only 20 millions of farm debts have been reviewed under the Arrangement Act, out of a total of 300 millions. Figures of settlements made under Adjustment legislation were not given; but unless better headway is being made by the provincial measure, the meagre results under the two present acts are a strong argument for applying some other method to the problem.

Agreement between the Province and the Dominion as to the terms of joint legislation might not be easy, and would of necessity take time. But it would surely not take as much time to reach agreement for joint action as it is likely to take to clear up the debt "mess" by unrelated action at the present rate of going.

That farm debts generally will have to be re-written, by one means or another, can hardly be doubted. This is the more necessary now because settlements have been made by compulsion in a great many cases. The other debtors—and creditors—are entitled to have their cases heard with as little further delay as possible.

Czechoslovakia and of France's own vital interests.

That, at least, is the figure given by Henri de Kerillis, leading Conservative politician and journalist, who himself has remained firm in adherence to the cause of French security. In this he has been one of the few exceptions among the leading Paris journalists of the right. He refused to have any truck or trade with the sinister forces which have steadily undermined France's influence by "boring from within" French governing circles.

The bribes were given between May and November, 1938, de Kerillis reveals. In May, Czechoslovakia's firm stand had halted Hitler's legions. From that time onward, several prominent French newspapers of the right paved the way, by subtle suggestion, to the policy of capitulation to Hitler.

Lest Anglo-Saxons should be moved to self-righteous indignation, let it be remembered that the policy of some leading British newspapers, including the *Times*, was not widely different from that of the French newspapers referred to. They were in no need, however, of bribes. In some instances they represented, directly, the interests which wished to open the gates of Eastern Europe to the Nazi flood.

EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH AGGRESSORS STRONGLY URGED

Convention Opposes Policy of "Sacrificing Democracies to Appease Dictators"

Condemning the policy of "sacrificing democracies to appease dictators", and urging collaboration between democracies to resist Fascist blackmail, the imposition of an embargo on all trade with Japan, and the removal of all restrictions on trade with China and Loyalist Spain, the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. adopted by unanimous vote a resolution moved by Henry G. Young of Millet and seconded by Major J. D. Baker of Bittern Lake.

Concern of All Canadians

In a forceful speech, Mr. Young pointed out that the defeat of the world-wide conspiracy to destroy democracy is most decidedly the concern of Canadians, as of those of every people who value free institutions. He stressed the importance of maintaining a boycott on Japanese goods, and going further by stopping the flow of material useful in war from Canada to Japan, and urged that all trade with Japan should be ended. He pointed out that Canada, by denying the Spanish Government its right under international law to import the means to its defence against rebellion and invasion, was actively aiding the cause of Fascism.

"The adoption of this resolution," said Mr. Young, "will at least show that there is a body of opinion in Alberta not blinded by Fascist and Nazi propaganda."

Major Baker's Indictment

Major Baker, speaking as a returned soldier, declared that the foreign policy of Great Britain, dictated by powerful financial and industrial interests, had been marked during the last few years by a series of gross betrayals of the interests of the British and all free peoples. He quoted the Dean of Canterbury's condemnation of this policy—in China, in Ethiopia, in Spain, in Czechoslovakia. It was a disgrace to Canada that Prime Minister Mackenzie King should have followed Chamberlain's lead in recognizing Italy as the conqueror of Ethiopia; just as Dr. Riddell's recall from Geneva, when he suggested oil sanctions against Italy during the war in 1936, was a most disgraceful episode. The Anglo-Italian Oil Co., controlled mainly by British capital, had supplied Mussolini with much of the oil necessary for the carrying on of the war. British interests had also lent many millions of pounds to the aggressor states, thereby helping to create the present menace.

From the first, it was clear that there was no division in the Convention on the issues raised. The resolution, in full, follows:

The Resolution

"Whereas the great democratic powers of Europe have adopted the policy of surrender to Fascist dictators, a policy which has already caused incalculable loss to democracy and greatly enhanced the danger of war, and whereas the present British Government appears chiefly responsible for this ruinous policy which our Canadian Government is quite content to follow,

"And whereas the so-called non-intervention policy in Spain works entirely to the advantage of the Fascists,

"And whereas we believe that the time has come for all democratic people to take a stand for democracy,

"Therefore be it resolved that this Convention go on record as follows:

"1. That we express our complete disapproval of the Chamberlain Government's policy of sacrificing democracies to appease dictators and condemn their policy of so-called non-intervention in Spain.

"2. That we express our conviction that the building up of the closest

Finnish Co-ops. Building "Olympic Village"

HELSINKI, Finland, Feb. 1st.—Finland's newly founded Co-operative Housing Society in Helsinki will soon start construction on its first housing project which has been designated by the city council as the "Olympic Village" to be used in connection with the Olympic Games which will be held in Finland in 1940.

When completed the co-operative project will provide first class dwellings for about 2,500 persons. The apartments in the project will be provided with heat and hot water from a central plant and its stores and other business enterprises will be provided by the Elanto co-operative society.

Delegation Headed by Viscount Cecil Is Refused Hearing

400 March to Downing Street to Urge Lifting of Embargo Against Loyalists

LONDON, Eng.—Some considerable time before the position of the Spanish Catalan army had become desperate, a delegation of more than 400 persons, headed by Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, and including the Duchess of Atholl, the Dean of Chichester, Lord Davies, and a large number of other men and women distinguished in public life and the religious world, in the universities and in the medical and other professions, marched to No. 10 Downing Street to present a petition to Prime Minister Chamberlain, asking that the Government do not grant belligerent rights to General Franco, and that the Spanish Government be given the right to import arms for its own defence; also that British shipping and British sailors be protected. The Prime Minister had previously stated that he would not receive the delegation; so the petition was handed in at the entrance by Lord Cecil, Dame Adelaide Livingstone and Sir Muirhead Bone.

New Marketing Board

A new Provincial marketing board which would also be a buying board, mainly of Alberta products, will be set up in connection with the Alberta Government's treasury branches, provided legislation is passed by the forthcoming session of the Legislature, as forecast. The existing marketing board, established last year, is headed by Geo. A. Clash, Medicine Hat.

A Calgary man is serving a 15-day jail sentence for theft of a pound of butter.

Joan Crawford, Myrna Loy, Paul Muni, Melvyn Douglas, Roland Young, Alice Faye, Joan Bennett, Edward G. Robinson, James Cagney and scores of other movie stars were among the signers of a petition asking President Roosevelt to sever all economic connections with Germany until that country is willing to "re-enter the family of nations in accordance with humane principles of international law and universal freedom."

possible collaboration between democratic states to resist the blackmailing strategy of the Fascist states is vitally necessary to the preservation of free and democratic institutions.

"3. That we demand of our Federal Government an immediate embargo on all trade with Japan.

"4. That we demand the immediate removal of all restrictions on trade of any kind with China and Loyalist Spain."

Co-ops. Save Gasoline Consumers Millions in U.S.A., Figures Show

Farm Bureau and Farmers' Union Present Results of Study of Achievement

NEW YORK, Feb. 1st.—While co-operatives have saved their own members hundreds of thousands of dollars in the purchase of petroleum products during the last few years, the indirect saving to non-members has run well over \$50,000,000 in three states in the past ten years, according to officials of Farm Bureau and Farmers Union co-operatives.

The Ohio Farm Bureau News for

January points out that "it is generally accepted that because of co-operative distribution of these products by Farm Bureau Co-ops. in Ohio, the price of gasoline off the tank wagon has decreased 2-1/2 cents per gallon, or 15 per cent. The total saving for all farmers in the state last year was \$1,900,000."

A similar study made by the North Dakota Farmers' Union covering 96 co-operatives over the last ten years reveals that co-operative competition in the petroleum field has reduced the margin on gasoline 5c a gallon. Total savings to all gasoline consumers in the states of Montana and North Dakota exceeded \$47,000,000 in ten years.

The co-operatives in North Dakota are the second largest distributors of petroleum products in the state.



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ALBERTA WHEAT PRODUCTION

Alberta wheat production in 1938 was placed at 143,000,000, out of a total for Canada of 350,010,000, in the third estimate of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The average yield in Alberta was placed at 17.9 bushels; in Saskatchewan, at 9.6, and in Manitoba at 16.

Canadian mines paid \$100,148,000 in dividends last year, exclusive of stock dividends and dividends paid by holding companies.

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Seek to Build United Force of Farm People of Alberta to Solve Pressing Problems

Pressure by the United Farmers of Alberta for action for the betterment of farm conditions and the solution of farm problems, will be continued with all the power at the command of the Association and its membership. Every effort will be made to unite all farmers in the Province in support of this policy, and the Association will seek to promote and co-ordinate all existing co-operative and commercial activities of the farm people.

The Association was pledged to continuance of such a policy in a resolution unanimously adopted by the Annual Convention in Calgary, following the decision to cease direct political activity.

The resolution, which was submitted by the Central Board, set forth in summary a program of activities to be pursued with all possible vigor, in the interests of the farm community. We publish the resolution in full below:

"Whereas, this Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta has decided to withdraw from all direct political activity, and

"Whereas, this action has been taken with the object of uniting all farmers in our efforts to improve existing farm conditions which are becoming more and more a struggle for a mere existence, and

"Whereas, the economic objectives of the U.F.A. have often been stated and are well known,

"Therefore be it resolved that we reaffirm our determination to press for the attainment of these objectives and rededicate ourselves wholeheartedly to the task of striving by every means within our power, to secure a solution of the many pressing problems of the farm people including the following:

1. Cost of Production for Primary Products.
2. Farm Indebtedness.
3. High Interest Rates.
4. Farm Implement and Repair Prices.
5. Transportation.
6. Rural Education.
7. Health Legislation.
8. Rural Housing.
9. Adjustment of Currency and Exchange Rates.
10. Co-operative Insurance.
11. National Marketing Legislation.

"We further pledge ourselves to do all within our power to promote and co-ordinate the work of all the existing co-operative and commercial activities of the farmers, and by this means, help to bring about that standard of living and security for which we have struggled these many years."

Now Non-Political Bodies

Created in the first place for all U.F.A. purposes—not political activities alone—the U.F.A. Constituency and District Associations will continue in being for the purpose of carrying on their non-political work, it was decided by the Farm Convention in January.

It was pointed out in the resolution on this subject adopted by the Convention that these district organizations have proved of great value for educational purposes; that their mid-summer conventions serve to keep the membership together; that they form a clearing house for various viewpoints on the general policies of the farm movement.

In future, they will be completely non-political, bound, as the Locals and the Provincial organization are bound, by the decision to cease all direct political activity.

A 4-year-old Guernsey, Alan-Be Flower, owned by a Waterdown, Ontario, breeder, has made a new record by producing 17,407 lbs. of milk and 850 lbs. of butterfat.

"CANADA, 1939"

Well printed and generously illustrated, the new "Canada, 1939" issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, forms a very useful geographical and statistical hand-book. It contains 176 pages, and is paper-bound. Copies can be secured from the King's Printer, Ottawa, at 25 cents, with a special price of 10 cents to teachers, bona-fide students, and ministers of religion.

The case of M. S. Reynolds, Vancouver man who wrote to Prime Minister Chamberlain criticising British foreign policy and was later visited by R.C.M.P. detectives who warned him not to write any more such letters, has been brought up in the House of Commons by J. S. Woodsworth, and Prime Minister Mackenzie King promised to investigate the case.

SANDY'S CONTRIBUTION

Pat, Sandy and Isaac planned a picnic, and it was arranged that each was to bring something. On the day of the outing Pat brought some ham, Isaac brought the bread, and Sandy brought his family.

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SOME DECISIONS OF FARM CONVENTION

Many important decisions were reached by the U.F.A. Annual Convention. Some were reported when the last issue of the *Western Farm Leader* went to press.

The Convention later:

Asked that a permanent Canada Grain Board be established, guaranteeing the price for a limited production for each individual farmer, sufficient to provide him with a decent standard of living.

Proposed tax on millers in proportion to flour milled for home consumption, to offset possible loss by Dominion Government on pegged price of wheat, and that 'price of bread be pegged for protection of Canadian consumer.'

Asked joint Dominion-Provincial survey of debt situation with a view to establishing board possessing all powers given under Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act (Dominion) and Debt Adjustment Act (Provincial). Urged retention of F.C.A.A. in meantime, with no increase in interest rates.

Urged greater flexibility in regulations of Dominion Farm Loan Board and further lowering of interest rate to make Board active factor in debt adjustment; also urged Board of Review of F.C.A.A. reduce debt to point where loan through Farm Loan Board may be possible.

Protested against any change in administration of Special Areas, especially that no change be made in administration of certain lands until representative body of ratepayers in such areas consulted. Asked enlargement of Board to six members with actual farming experience in area involved, three to be appointed by Government and three elected by residents.

Asked that Canada's monetary policy should be so managed "that the Canadian primary producer is not handicapped as he has been during the past seven or eight years," by reason of fact that British pound sterling is at a premium of about 25 per cent in Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and Denmark, who are thus given a distinct advantage in selling their exportable surpluses.

Urged Alberta Government set up Civil Service Commission, provided for entrance into service by examination or merit, providing security for civil servants.

Urged Alberta Government at once make arrangements that seed may be purchased from surrounding districts to provide supply in areas where farmers need financial assistance.

Asked Dominion Government to provide for a rural building scheme covering a term of years, with 2 per cent interest on advances; asked Alberta Government to immediately undertake survey of farm homes and collaborate with Dominion to desired end.

Supported proposed highway from U.S. to Alaska, and asked Dominion Government to investigate feasibility of using route through Alberta.

Tabled resolution calling for right to hold plebiscite on larger school units one year after each is brought into operation.

Urged Dominion and Province to take more effective measures to conserve such natural resources as game animals and birds, forests and water and to prevent soil erosion.

Asked Dominion maintain proper relationship between price of live hogs in Canada and Wiltshire sides in English market.

Asked Dominion Government to revise grading standards for turkeys in line with the consumers' demands, it being stated that a cut is now made on lighter birds which the consumer desires.

Urged adoption of marketing legislation by Alberta conforming in all particulars with the B.C. Natural Products Marketing Act.

Decided "that the U.F.A. continue its efforts by negotiations with the

British Co-operatives to Spend \$15,000,000 for New Buildings During Year 1939

Next to Railways Will Probably Be Biggest Country's Builder for Peace Time Purposes

MANCHESTER, England, Feb. 1st. —The Co-operative Wholesale Society, Britain's largest distributive business, owned by 8,000,000 members of co-operatives, will spend \$15,000,000 for new buildings and modernizing existing plants during the year.

Included in the program will be a new seven-story men's wear building in Manchester, a new furniture and furnishings building in London, and a new cabinet factory in Pelaw. New buildings and modernized quarters will be provided for glass works, rope and twine factory, printing, cycles, boots and shoes, furniture and food production.

The Co-operative News, published in Manchester, declared in describing the program, "Next to the railways, the Co-operative Wholesale Society in 1939 will probably be the biggest builder in the country for peace time productive purposes."

Evicted Tenants Protest

Evicted from their miserable shacks, or forced to leave because owners would not renew contracts with them, some hundreds of white and negro "share-croppers" in Missouri camped along highways recently until ordered back to their former homes by health officials. Spokesmen of the tenant farmers' union declare that large landowners, often lawyers and business men, have refused to share AAA benefits with the tenants who raise the crops.

Imports of wheat into Japan dropped from just over 3 million bushels in the July to November period in 1936 to just over half a million bushels in the same period in 1938.

Wheat Pool and the U.G.G. with the objective of amalgamation at the earliest possible time."

Urged Alberta Government findings on the manufacture and sale of radio tubes be made public.

Expressed appreciation of "splendid contribution" of C.B.C. towards cementing "bonds of fraternity, good will and understanding between United States and Canada."

Urged Federal Government initiate as national responsibility, bearing capital charge against land, such modifications of Pearce water diversion project as applicable in Alberta, work to be done on a work for wages basis; urged Provincial Government to use influence with Dominion to this end.

Petitioned Dominion Government to appoint at least two bona fide farmers to the Board of Grain Commissioners.

Asked that all lands in dry areas be "leased on a proper rental basis in a proper relationship to their carrying capacity."

Expressed appreciation of Premier Bracken's services in calling Winnipeg Conference and promised him support in efforts for solution of marketing problem.

Asked Dominion and Provincial Governments to co-operate to end adequate supplies of vaccine be supplied farmers free of charge for inoculation of horses against sleeping sickness.

Petitioned Dominion and Provincial Governments to investigate all risk crop insurance.

Tabled, after an animated discussion, which provoked several witty and pungent speeches, resolution asking Provincial Government to pass legislation making it compulsory for all farmers to belong to United Farmers of Alberta, the organization thus constituted being given the same rights as are now given to the bodies governing the medical, legal, dental and teaching occupations.

A Message to Alberta Farm People

The Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta was held recently in Calgary. The weather was ideal and added much to the comfort and convenience of those attending. Although the number of registered delegates was about the same as in recent years, the attendance was the largest since the 1935 Convention, owing to the large number of visitors who were able to be present due to good road conditions. Many car loads came upwards of two hundred miles or more. The fine weather made it possible for large numbers to attend a U.F.A. convention for the first time. The result was that the Convention hall was well filled; indeed, at times the hall was packed to the doors with large numbers having standing room only.

Interest in the proceedings was maintained until the last item of business was dealt with late Friday evening. Even after the more important matters had been decided, there was only a very small reduction in the numbers attending. In listening to the speeches of delegates and in conversations I had with farmers from all parts of the Province, I was impressed with the fact that Alberta farmers once more are beginning to realize that if the economic welfare and security of the farm people are to be increased, they can only secure such improvement through their own efforts.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we were favored with addresses by Mr. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., and Mr. Watson Thomson, of the Extension Department of the University of Alberta. Mr. Brownlee's address dealt with farm debt and debt legislation. We do not know of any person better qualified to discuss this subject than Mr. Brownlee. Mr. Watson Thomson's address on world affairs was deeply appreciated. With a thorough knowledge of the European situation, he imparted to his audience much information that assisted in understanding more clearly the reasons for recent events in Europe.

The outstanding feature of the Convention was the decision to withdraw as an organization from politics. This subject had been the important question discussed at three previous Conventions and the vote on these occasions was always in favor of remaining in the political field. At the recent Convention the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of withdrawing from political activity; indeed the vote showed a seven to one majority in favor of ceasing political action. Delegates may have had various reasons for voting as they did, but from personal contacts I am sure that in recent times the association of the U.F.A. with politics has impaired its usefulness. It was felt that a strong, virile organization was more important than any one phase of activity; therefore, any activity that stood in the way of building up a strong organization must be eliminated.

Personally I am of the opinion that the decision was a wise one. For some time I have been conscious of the fact that unanimity of opinion in regard to politics among the farm people of Alberta has become impossible. I attach no blame to any faction or group for this condition. Now the U.F.A. is out of politics, the objection to many farmers joining the organization is removed. Let me assure every Alberta farmer (irrespective of his political affiliations) that we have no other desire than to build up a strong economic organization capable of making the demands of the farm people respected, and of winning for our depressed industry economic readjustments which are vital to its survival and rehabilitation.

We invite you to join with us and assure you of a sincere and cordial welcome.

Robert Gardiner

President, United Farmers of Alberta.

Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

The Board of Review under the F.C.A.A. will sit for the first time this year in Edmonton, beginning February 6th, and in Calgary one week later.

Gas production in Turner Valley was reduced on the first of the month from 108 to 65 million cubic feet daily, by order of the Conservation Board.

E. L. Gray, M.L.A., who resigned last Wednesday the position of manager of the Eastern Irrigation District, is being pressed by many of the farmers of the District to reconsider.

Social Credit candidates will be selected in future, as in the past, by an "advisory board," according to decision of the Social Credit League convention in Edmonton last week.

An aerial survey, recently completed, has found feasible routes for the 300-mile road to be built from the Peace River district to Great Slave Lake. Heavy forests present the greatest difficulty.

Calling for the ushering in of a system of social credit, despite disallowance, and asking for a pegged wheat price of \$1.30, Fort William basis, were two resolutions passed by the recent Social Credit convention.

An intimation that there would be no Provincial election for 1939 would seem to be the intention of Premier Aberhart's statement at the Social Credit convention last week. After referring to the probability of a Federal election this year, he added, "but as I see it now we shall have a number of things to finish before we ask for the approval or disapproval of the people."

DOMINION

In contrast to action of C.C.F. and Independent Members who urged the Government to admit a reasonable number of European refugees, on humanitarian grounds, W. Lacroix, Liberal Member for Quebec-Montmorency, presented a petition opposing any such action—particularly the admission of any Jews. Quebec Province, it will be remembered, is the centre for Fascist organization in Canada.

Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, who sailed for England last Saturday, has resigned from the West Calgary seat in the House of Commons.

Lloyds of London have advanced the premium payable for insurance against the cancellation of the visit of the King and Queen to Canada this year.

Substitution of a scheme of controlled acreage bonus instead of a pegged wheat price may be adopted by the Federal Government this year, states an Ottawa despatch.

Canadian survivors of the International Brigade in Spain, arriving in England last week, stated that they left not because they wanted to but because they had to.

Greater centralization of power in the hands of the Federal Government in order to promote a unified Canada, is urged in a second brief presented by the Saskatchewan Government to the Rowell Commission.

An over-night air mail service, leaving Montreal daily at 9 p.m. and Toronto an hour later, and reaching Vancouver before noon the next day, will commence March 1st, it is announced by Trans-Canada Airlines.

Under the Quebec Padlock Law, some 137,000 newspapers, pamphlets, books, badges and circulars were seized during 1938. The number of raids was not given in the annual report, but in the six months ending May 10th last it was 124.

Hon. W. D. Herridge declared at Ottawa that Canada should fight Fascism, "a monster tracking down our civilization," from within, by increasing prosperity of her people, and from without by forwarding alliance between the British Empire and the U.S.A.

The new western committee on markets and agricultural adjustments, an outcome of the Bracken conference, is meeting in Regina this week. Alberta representatives are Hon. D. B. Mullen, Lew Hutchinson, J. K. Sutherland, A. Craig Pierce, Paul H. Farnalls and Ed. H. Ayling.

A new book of election instructions is just off the press at Ottawa, and returning officers have been named. New voters' lists will be enumerated after the election is announced.

WORLD

Exposure and hunger are taking a heavy toll of lives among Spanish refugees in France.

Further earthquake shocks occurred on Monday in the Chilean cities where 25,000 to 30,000 died from the quakes of a week earlier.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield succeeds Sir Thomas Inskip as minister for co-ordination of defence in the British Cabinet.

In an effort to regain influence in the Balkans, the French Government is pressing negotiations for trade treaties with Rumania and Yugoslavia.

American Government officials are preparing to meet stronger competition from Germany in South American trade, following Hitler's Monday speech.

Under a new scheme for increasing production of livestock, Italy's beautiful northern lakes are to supply water for irrigation, for improvement of pastures.

George Weinberg, witness in the Hines racket trials in New York, killed himself on Sunday, one theory advanced being that he was in terror of gangster revenge.

In their third Five-Year Plan, the U.S.S.R. aim at the bringing of the country from "socialism to communism," and to increase production in heavy industry, defence materials, and consumer goods.

Ten persons were saved after floating in their lifebelts for ten hours, when the luxury airliner *Cavalier* crashed into the Atlantic on the way to Bermuda last week, before being rescued by an oil tanker. Three were lost.

Fortification of the Aaland Islands, naval bases in the Baltic, has been decided on by Sweden and Finland, following a conference of delegates of the two countries. The islands lie at the narrow entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia.

In his Birmingham speech last Saturday, broadcast by short wave, Prime Minister Chamberlain again proclaimed his desire for peace, but added that he felt other countries should now make their contribution to this end. He maintained that criticism of his policy was based on ignorance and irresponsibility.

Ironie laughter greeted the statement of Prime Minister Chamberlain in the House of Commons on Tuesday that Premier Mussolini had told him Italy, when the Spanish war should be over, wanted nothing from Spain. Mussolini had assured the British Ministers of his desire for peace, Mr. Chamberlain reported, and had suggested a beginning in disarmament by limiting the kind of weapons to be used in war.

Less belligerent in tone than had been feared, Chancellor Adolf Hitler in his Reichstag address on Monday, while inveighing against "Bolshevism," and lashing out in personal attacks against Anthony Eden, Winston Churchill, Duff Cooper, and Harold Ickes as "apostles of war," said that the question of the former German colonies was "in no sense a problem which could cause war." He declared that Germany would be at Italy's side in any war that might come.

Best Feature Story on Bracken Conference

Jack Sutherland's despatch to The Western Farm Leader on the recent Bracken Conference in Winnipeg was by far the best piece of descriptive writing on the subject he had seen in any newspaper, President R. S. Law of the United Grain Growers informed a large gathering of delegates at a dinner held in Calgary during the week of the U.F.A. Convention.

The Leader is happy to have this confirmation (and that of a great number of our readers) of the judgment we formed when Mr. Sutherland's wire came in from the telegraph office on publishing day just before the "deadline". We knew then that, thanks to Mr. Sutherland, we had been enabled to give to our readers a feature which, in virtue of its authoritative interpretation of the significance of the Winnipeg gathering from the dirt farmers' standpoint, would prove outstanding.

Two new centres for the manufacture of areoplanes are being established in Australia.

Chinese report that guerilla attacks on the Japanese armies in south Shansi Province killed 7,000 during the last two weeks.

A fine of \$8,000 and a suspended sentence of one year in gaol was imposed upon George Burns, radio and movie comedian, on conviction for smuggling, in a New York court on Tuesday.

It was recently learned in London that, while discussing a new Anglo-German naval arms agreement, Hitler was already building cruisers with larger guns than provided for under the old treaty.

While the French Cabinet upheld Premier Daladier's stand against territorial concessions to Italian threats, Foreign Secretary Bonnet urged newspapers not to reply too vigorously to Italian insults as "nothing but harm could come of it."

Premier Daladier announced last week that Britain had agreed to stand with France in dealing with the situation, should the Fascist forces fail to leave Spain, as promised by Mussolini, at the conclusion of the conquest of that country.

The production of aeroplanes in Great Britain has been increased during the past year from 500 to nearly 1,000 a month, states a London despatch, and it is announced that by another year the figure will have been boosted to 2,500 monthly.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, regarded as one of the more moderate of Hitler's advisers, has been replaced as head of the Reichsbank by Walther Funk. Fears were felt in financial circles in London that default on \$200,000,000 credits to Britain might be one result of the new regime.

Including Lord Willingdon, former Governor-General of Canada, Montagu Norman, Lord Dawson of Penn, and John Masefield, eighteen prominent British leaders in other than political fields, last week broadcast a joint appeal to the German people to join in an effort for peace.

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F.D.P.—There is nothing in the Municipal Districts Act which makes it illegal for the Reeve or Councillors to give the information mentioned. It is a matter for the annual meeting to decide whether or not it is in the public interest that the information should be made public.

Law re Blasphemy

F.O.—Section 198 of the Criminal Code provides that "everyone is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to one year's imprisonment who publishes any blasphemous libel. Provided that no one is guilty of a blasphemous libel for expressing in good faith and in decent language any opinion whatsoever upon any religious subject."

One authority states, "At the present day, no prosecution could be sustained for, calmly and dispassionately and with decent language, discussing or even calling in question the truth of Christianity."

Old Age Pensioner

M.A.C.—Every Old Age Pensioner is required once a year to file an affidavit stating whether there is any change in his financial circumstances and what disposition he has made of any property. Your original application no doubt showed you owned the land in question. If you sold it you would be obliged to disclose the fact sooner or later. Whether or not the authorities would suspend your pension for a time would no doubt depend on the amount you received from the land. If the amount was reasonably substantial your pension might be suspended for a time. I cannot give you any more definite reply.

Under Saskatchewan Statutes

J.B.H.—As you reside in the Province of Saskatchewan your enquiry requires a detailed knowledge of Saskatchewan Statutes which I do not have. In any event a considered opinion could only be given after much more knowledge of the relationship between yourself and members of your family and the various contracts outstanding, than your letter provides. I regret therefore I am unable to give a satisfactory reply.

Termination of Lease

W.E.J.—As to whether any notice terminating a lease is sufficient, requires a knowledge of the original written lease to show the year the tenancy began and ended. In the absence of this information I can only say that a properly drawn six months' notice is ample to terminate the lease. As to whether the landlord can be forced to pay the cost of summerfallowing again is a matter requiring knowledge of the terms of tenancy. As your position is precarious, to say the least, I advise you to see a solicitor who can examine carefully the original lease and subsequent relationship between the parties.

Violation of Terms not Indicated

Fiddler.—Based on the information contained in your letter I cannot see that the Lessor has violated any of the terms of your lease. Your lease does not expire until April 25th, 1941, and therefore cannot be terminated by written notice unless you have failed as tenant to comply with its terms. Your lease is an unusual one as it provides for making improvements in lieu of rent. Without knowing whether you have failed to provide the required annual improvements and to what extent, I cannot say whether the Lessor could successfully terminate the lease by reason of your failure to meet the annual rental requirements.

After the Convention

U.F.A. Notes

Evidence of a new situation created by the decision of the Annual Convention to take the U.F.A. out of politics was given by the attendance of the Board of the Alberta Wheat Pool at a meeting of the U.F.A. Central Board on the day following the Convention. Under the chairmanship of President Gardiner, the mutual interests of the U.F.A. and the Wheat Pool in the work of rural organization and education, were discussed, with particular stress upon the need for developing organization among the young people.

Retiring Directors of the U.F.A. were guests of honor at a dinner held by the Board. President Gardiner, in the chair, made fitting allusions to the faithful and efficient work of all five—Messrs. J. E. Brown, Ronald Pye, H. E. Heath, T. J. Lovelock, A. J. Paul. Gifts were then presented to them in token of friendship and association in the farm movement.

Appreciation of the excellent work of Jack Sutherland, who acted as the committee to arrange the most successful Farmers' International Radio Night, was expressed, and Mr. Sutherland was presented with a fine travelling bag.

Together with the President and Vice-President of the U.F.A., the President and two Vice-Presidents of the U.F.W.A. and the President of the Junior U.F.A., the thirteen directors elected at the Annual Convention comprise the Central Board of the Association. Amalgamations of constituencies which reduced the number of directors were described in our last issue.

The Executive of the U.F.A. for 1939 consists of President Gardiner, Mrs. Marie Malloy Berger, President of the U.F.W.A., Vice-President Norman F. Priestley, and J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; George E. Church, Balzac, and Henry E. Spencer, Edgerton, the last three having been re-elected by the Board.

The U.F.A. Senior Committee on Junior Work for 1939 will consist of President Gardiner and William Runte, representing the U.F.A., and Mrs. M. E. Lowe and Miss Molly Coupland representing the U.F.W.A.

Re-elected by the Executive of the

Verbal Partnership Agreement

W.A.L.—You have been carrying on a partnership agreement with another party without any written agreement as to partnership, assets or division of earnings. Such arrangements are fertile grounds for litigation. I can only say I think your position is reasonably fair and you are entitled to fair remuneration for use of your machinery not part of the partnership assets. The Provincial Partnership Act provides that the Court may dissolve a partnership on certain grounds which you probably have. You will probably have to commence action to dissolve the partnership and an accounting as to division of assets and earnings will have to be made. As such proceedings are costly I strongly recommend that every effort be made to reach a satisfactory compromise settlement.

Proceedings May Be Desirable

L.S.—The renter has been on your land for many years and if you have no written lease properly renewed you may now be forced to give six clear months' notice to cancel same; provided, however, that if the tenant has not paid rent you may distrain for arrears. Your position is a most unsatisfactory one and I advise you to take proceedings to terminate the lease unless a proper settlement is immediately arranged and a new lease entered into, the terms of which could then be strictly enforced.

A few replies to legal questions are unavoidably held over until our next issue.

Association, Messrs. Priestley, Church and Sutherland will form the Co-operative Committee for 1939. Together with Charles A. Fawcett of Consort and Norman D. Stewart of Lacombe these constitute the Board of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd., which has oversight of buying of farm supplies which aggregated \$949,000 last year.

From Vancouver Island to Manitoba and from many sections of the Northwestern States, letters have been received indicating that reception was good on Radio Night, and that many farmers and officials of farmers' organizations listened in. Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture for the United States, wrote a personal letter to Mr. Sutherland, commending the United Farmers' efforts and reciprocating expressions of goodwill.

Allocated to territories where Locals formerly vigorous have been inactive for some time past, three organizers have been put into the field, under the auspices of the Executive. The two canvassers who were in the field in 1938 reported that only a settlement of the political question and initiating of steps to revive Locals were necessary to bring greatly added strength to the Association.

Provision has been made by the Executive for a scholarship for Juniors at one of the schools of Agriculture; also for prizes for public speaking and for competition in girls' work at the Farm Young People's Week at the University in June.

More Than 150 British Ships Bombed in Spanish Waters, Will Franco Pay?

LONDON, Eng.—Up to a few weeks ago, 150 British ships had been bombed in Spanish waters (by rebel or Italian or German bombing planes, as compared with 41 ships of all other nationalities, including Spanish Government ships, and 22 of the British ships were utterly wrecked.

Over £6,000,000 Damages

The bill presented to General Franco for damages to British shipping totals between £6,000,000 and £7,000,000. That it had been definitely established that the attacks were deliberate in some cases, while absolute proof was lacking in others, was admitted by the Chamberlain Government in the House of Commons, recently. They expressed confidence that Franco would fulfill his pledge to pay; but British ship-owners are sceptical. They, like British seamen, are indignant that the Government should have submitted to the deliberate singling out of British ships and the sacrificing of the lives of British sailors.

The attitude of friendliness towards Franco and Mussolini which has prevailed in Government circles has accounted, it is believed by the shipping industry, for the comparative mildness of the protests made against the destruction of British lives and property.

The Palestine conference will open in London next Tuesday.

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Alberta Farm Women in Annual Convention . . .

By

AMELIA TURNER SMITH

Another U.F.W.A. Convention has come and gone—another milestone has been passed in the life of the great organization of farm women. The delegates have talked it over in groups in the city and on the journey home, and have meditated upon it alone in their own houses, attempting to assay its gains and benefits and, perhaps, its weaknesses. Again in retrospect they have enjoyed its pleasures; and have endeavored to describe these, and the work of the Convention, so as to pass on to their Locals as much as they possibly can of its information and inspiration.

Well Arranged Program

Although only four sessions during the week were devoted to separate women's sessions, the program was so well arranged, and the business carried on with such orderliness and so little lost time, that all the usual reports of officers and conveners were heard and dealt with, elections carried on, and a considerable number of resolutions discussed.

In spite of the shorter time, too, there seemed to one observer at least to be more than usual discussion from the floor. This is very encouraging; because the most frequent criticism of women's organizations is that the members, through diffidence and through personal respect for the sponsor of a scheme or resolution will often (their "silence giving consent") acquiesce without whole-hearted conviction. So every indication that the U.F.W.A. delegates are moving away from that stage of their organization's evolution to one of frank, good-humored, give-and-take discussion, is warmly welcomed by all who admire the splendid achievements of the U.F.W.A., and who confidently expect from it still greater things in the years to come.

More Joint Sessions

Perhaps the increasing number of joint sessions is partly responsible for this development—of the U.F.W.A., though a feminist might be expected to hesitate to admit this, for one cannot but admire the way the U.F.A. delegates neither give nor ask quarter in debate, and can take opposition in an impersonal way, without resulting hard feelings. This is of course one of the least of the advantages of the joint sessions, and the working together of farm men and farm women in the fight that concerns them all so vitally.

Important Addresses

The U.F.W.A. program included fewer addresses than usual from outside speakers; but those given were of outstanding quality. On the subject "International Affairs," Watson Thomson, forcefully presented the challenge of world problems to women, to make these their care and responsibility equally with home and community

matters. Women, he said, were to some extent responsible for the slowness of progress because they had not fully realized the immensity of the contribution they could make.

The problem of mental defectives was laid before the delegates in an address of convincing clarity by Dr. Geraldine Oakley. She gave reasons for the increase—real and apparent—in the numbers of these unfortunate people, and explained very clearly the scientific laws of heredity which inexorably governed the mental character of their offspring, from generation to generation. She advocated sterilization, during adolescence, as the most satisfactory method of control; pointing out that since many of the children born to persons of low mentality were illegitimate, regulation of marriage would have little effect.

Should Fear Less—Be Better Informed

People should fear cancer less, and inform themselves better, declared J. B. Corbet, speaking on this disease which killed nearly 12,000 Canadians in 1937. Proper diagnosis and treatment in the early stages of cancer might mean the difference between life and death, he said.

A special appeal to the members of the U.F.W.A. to try to restore harmony and unity in the rural communities of the Province, was made by President Robert Gardiner. Since the women's Locals were often more active in community affairs than the men's, he felt that they could do much to end the strife that had been all too apparent in recent years.

In her annual report, Mrs. Malloy also appealed to every individual member to carry her share of the work and responsibility of the organization, in solving world problems and the problems of farm women in particular.

Young People's Work was given considerable time on the program, and Margaret Archibald, Junior President, George Goldberg, Junior Vice-President, William Runte, delegate to the Youth Congress in Toronto, made reports to the delegates. Mrs. W. Ross reported on the second Youth Congress in Alberta.

Following an outline of the report of the health and education commission of the Alberta Youth Congress, by Ted Jenkinson, the convention voted endorsement of the findings of the Youth Congress and its program for education on venereal diseases.

The resolutions for the most part dealt with subjects in which the U.F.W.A. has always had particular interest.

Assisting Japan in War

One, declaring that "the enormous export from Canada to Japan of nickel, aluminum, copper, scrap iron and other war materials, amounting to over a million dollars a week, lays Canada open to the charge of assisting Japan in her brutal war of aggression against the Chinese people," petitioned the Dominion Government to place an embargo on all war materials going from Canada to Japan.

Showing their willingness to accept full responsibilities as citizens, the delegates carried a Board resolution, calling for deletion of section 17 of the Jury Act (forbidding the calling of women to serve on juries in criminal cases.)

Dealing with health matters, reso-

THE FATAL OBSTACLE

Robots are being seriously considered as household helps in England.—Press Item.

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The dinner he'd be overlooking,
And turning the heat off and on!
Or maybe—the thought is exciting!—
He'd ease my poor mind of its
load.

By using his leisure for writing
My bi-monthly ode!

I know I would simply adore him—
His curves and his angles and
knobs!

I'd try very hard not to bore him
With too many common-place
jobs!

Alas and alack! What a pity!
I just have recalled with chagrin
There's nowhere this side of the city
The lad could plug in!

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

litions were passed asking that nurses-in-training in hospitals be given the protection of being brought under the House of Labor Act; asking for free treatment of epileptics; supporting Government supervised family limitation clinics; asking for establishment of a psychopathic hospital for the care of nervous patients; earnestly requesting the Provincial Government to increase the number of health units until the whole of the Province comes under the scheme; and asking that medical examination before marriage be made compulsory.

Calling for revision of the present High School Course, a resolution was referred to the incoming Board for study for another year; and two resolutions dealing with larger school units were tabled.

Equality for Rural Young People

On the youth rehabilitation scheme, a resolution was carried asking that rural young people be given the same choice of courses as urban youth.

The delegates voted opposition to the proposed amendment of the Welfare Act, taking away the existing right of relief recipients to bring suit against municipalities.

Resolutions were approved which called for affiliation with the Alberta Federation of Women, and for giving voting privileges in each Convention to one representative of the U.F.W.A. Alumnae. (A constitutional amendment to provide for this was later adopted in joint convention.)

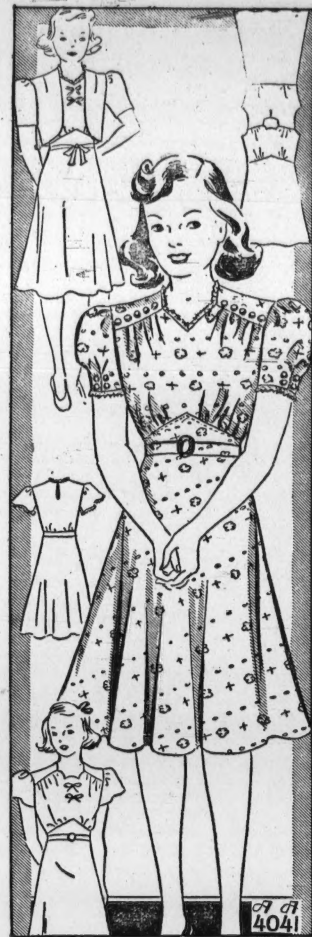
President and Vice-President Re-elected

The election for president brought four nominations: Mrs. Winifred Ross; Mrs. Malloy, who reminded the delegates that she had previously announced her retirement, but whose withdrawal was not permitted by her nominator; Mrs. H. B. MacLeod; and Mrs. E. J. Garland. A ballot was taken on these four names, and Mrs. Malloy was elected. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Mary Banner were unanimously re-elected vice-presidents.

Three sessions were held in the Palliser Hotel and one, to secure more space, in Paget Hall. Mrs. Malloy, the president, was chairman throughout.

A demonstration of physical training, as carried on under the Youth Training plan, was a very interesting

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feature of the Wednesday Afternoon session. The Convention also heartily enjoyed musical numbers, given at intervals by Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Clayton, of Conrich; Miss Rogers, George Boothman and Mrs. F. Walker; and Mrs. M. Lowe led community singing.

Delegates registered numbered 75, and officers in attendance brought the voting strength of the Convention to 93.

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U.F.W.A. President Marries

Of wide interest in Alberta is the marriage, which took place quietly, in Banff, on January 23rd, of Mrs. Marie Malloy, president of the U.F.W.A., to Mr. Sigurd Berger, of Parkland. Mr. Berger is southern representative of Lacombe Nurseries, and also has farming interests. The best wishes of a large circle of friends will go with Mr. and Mrs. Berger.

Farm Home and Garden

Honey Pumpkin Pie: 1-1/2 cups steamed pumpkin, 1 cup honey, 1/2 teaspoon each ginger and salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 3 eggs, 1 cup milk, 1/2 cup cream. Mix ingredients in order given and bake in one crust.

Laying Hens in Winter: must have supplements to their grain rations in the form of meat scraps, green feed and oyster shell, or they will tend to become too fat. For the beef scraps you can substitute table scraps, skinned rabbits and the odds and ends from butchering—and milk. Young sweet clover and alfalfa hay, soaked in warm water, are excellent sources of green feed, states a Department of Agriculture bulletin. Legume leaves swept from the loft floor are ideal for the latter purpose.

MRS. SPENCER'S LETTERS

We regret that Mrs. Spencer's regular letter to farm women is unavoidably held over until our next issue, in order to give necessary space to features of the annual convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta. Some items of news from Farm Women's Locals are also held over.

Meeting at the Mountview home for girls, in Calgary last week, Cornich U.F.W.A. combined with their regular program a shower of foodstuffs "as an expression of their interest in the work of this institution." Mrs. R. Price, past president of the U.F.W.A., the guest speaker, dealt with the task before the organization, in health matters, in education, and in international affairs, closing with a passionate appeal to the mothers to take time to study these and other questions. Mrs. Banner, U.F.W.A. Vice-president, spoke briefly on the large health units, and Mrs. McGuiness told something of the work of the Home. Mrs. Grose presided.

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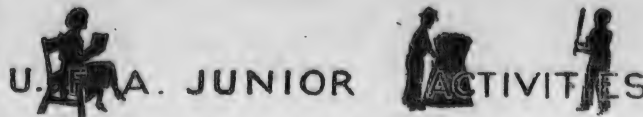
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Youth in Canada Today

Depicting the tragic paradox of a Canada which, while possessed of "an abundance of everything that is destined by nature for the comfort of man," was being passed on to the new generation as "a bankrupt state," Miss Margaret Archibald, President of the Junior U.F.A., speaking for the new generation before the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, declared, "We are the castaways of a capitalistic system that the majority seem still anxious to preserve. It will leave you (of the older generation) stranded in old age as it is leaving us stranded in youth."

Youth and Age Should Co-operate

Miss Archibald, whose well-delivered speech was the subject of complimentary comment from the floor and platform of the Convention, said that youth and age were not as co-operative as they might be. Young people were guilty of not taking enough interest in adult troubles, and adults were not sufficiently interested in the problems of youth.

"We in Canada produced or possessed," she said, "enough food to feed ourselves and most of the starving hordes in China; enough coal to keep everybody warm for two million years; enough electricity to light every farm home and provide them with power, and enough building material to provide a home for every family."

But something had gone wrong somewhere. A great proportion of farmers had become tenants; many others "employees of the mortgage companies without pay"; forests had been given away or leased to corporations; mineral wealth was largely possessed by private interests; while corporations owned mines, oil wells, newspapers, and roads and bridges and government buildings, were mortgaged "up to the hilt."

Thrown on Scrap Pile

"There has been created," said Miss Archibald, "an economic disorder that throws millions of young, healthy people on the scrap pile, and one that will not give security to the aged and infirm out of its past profits."

Referring to the belief held some years ago that the solution of youth's problems would come from better education, Miss Archibald quoted authority to show that a greater proportion of young people are in schools and colleges today than at any other time in our history, and that unemployment is almost as serious among college graduates as among the untrained.

While the young man or woman in the city had less chance than formerly to become acquainted with the works of the world, since he seldom saw his father on the job and therefore had little understanding of what it was all about, John Farmer's son saw him on the job twenty-four hours a day or so, the result being that as a career he seldom chose farming. "There is less and less activity in the home that equips the child with a knowledge of the various vocations."

Farm Boy's Problem

"The farm boy has even greater difficulty finding his place than has his city cousin. Competition is much more severe. Migration to the cities lessens the pressure, but even so even in 1930 American farms had more young men than were needed to raise the crop and there were one and a half million more today, with farm machinery reducing still further the need for men. The finding of a satisfactory recreation represented an additional problem, in town and country, comparable to that of finding a job."

Commending the achievements and program of the Youth Congress Movement, which federates national and

local organizations, Miss Archibald said that in the final analysis, "the best citizenship training for youth is obtained in meeting its own problems co-operatively." She appealed for support for the Junior Conference to be held in June in Edmonton, and for the fourth Canadian Youth Congress to be held in Winnipeg from June 30th to July 2nd. "This year's congress," she pointed out, "will deal mainly with rural problems, and in Alberta the city youth are stressing this fact and will put forth every effort helping to send rural representation equal in size and value to the agricultural importance of this Province."

In this task both adults and youth have a distinct responsibility. "Yours is to provide decent living conditions, leadership and an opportunity for youth to accept its responsibility," Miss Archibald told the delegates of the Seniors. "Ours is not to sit back and let the adult world solve our problems, but to help plan and fashion our own future."

Junior News Items

George Golberg, Junior Vice-president, assisted in the organization of Maybridge Junior Local, in the Coronado district. Donald Flach is president, and Mary Henshall, secretary.

At organization meetings held in the Bow River Constituency at Standard and Dalem School, Margaret Archibald and John Anderson of Wayne, spoke in the interests of the Junior U.F.A., the Junior grain clubs and the Youth Congress. At Standard, thirteen young people signified their intentions of forming a local. Visitors from Rosebud and Redlands were in attendance at the Wayne meeting at which a lively discussion showed their keen interest.

Cornich Juniors are putting on a play this month; their activities during the winter have so far included a very enjoyable skating party, and taking

What's Doing? at CFAC

We've always thought there was nothing better to awaken one in the morning than good old, rollicking music played in a cheerful manner. It makes us feel more like getting up and meeting the new day, than to crawl further under the sheets and "grab off another forty winks."

That's why we were pleased to hear the strains of the "Ford Schottische" drift in upon our sleep-deafened ears and force its way into our consciousness last Monday morning. Between yawns and stretching, we caught the names of "Harry Hall's Old-Time Orchestra", which is now playing a half-hour program once a week over CFAC.

Every Monday morning from 7:15 to 7:45 the popular Calgary orchestra will broadcast dance music in both the modern and the old-time style, with singing done by Harry Hall and Jimmie McIntosh, the Singing Cowboys. Listen in one of these Monday mornings, and see if their music doesn't start off the day right, and the week off right too.

While we mentioned we like to wake up to cheerful music, we are never immune to a beautiful sunrise in the morning. . . . and after all, when would one expect to find a sunrise except in the morning? Our good friend and human weather-vane, Jack Dennett, who is heard daily on the "Toast and Marmalade" program, is also serving as a very excellent guide to "sunrise conditions" these days. For instance, if you hear Jack suggest that you go to your window to observe the glories of the morning, take his advice—you'll find, as we have, that his information is worth following; we personally believe there's nothing in the many varied beauties of nature which can compare with the myriad colors and shades which blend and re-blend and change with the rising sun over Alberta.

PRAYED FOR BLIZZARD

A small boy was celebrating his birthday with a party in the garden. He had a quarrel with one of his friends, Billy, however, and did not invite him. His mother insisted that Billy should be invited.

The little host called upon his former friend.

"Will you come to my garden party tomorrow?" he asked.

"It's too late now," answered Billy; "last night I prayed for a blizzard."

charge of a church service at Langdon United Church. They are supplying a copy of their paper, *The South-West Wind*, to each family, and are offering a prize to the member who contributes the best "copy" for it. Bill Speerstra, Dorothy McLaughlin and Edith Higley are the officers.

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J. W. STAFFORD,
Director of Lands.

Edmonton,
December 30th, 1938.

A beekeepers' short course will be held at the University, Edmonton, by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, February 20th to 23rd, inclusive; registrations are closed for the creamery short course which also opens February 20th. Another short course will be held at Alix, February 14th and 15th, sponsored by the Junior U.F.A. there and the Department.

The Canadian Legion will hold their Provincial annual meeting in Edmonton on June 1st to 3rd, to coincide with the visit of the King and Queen.

The Veterinary Questions and Answers Section will be resumed in our next issue.

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World Wheat Situation

For the past several months world wheat markets have been laboring under clouds of gloom. The heavy oversupply and almost continuous bearish news has made the price outlook dark. Of late weeks an occasional gleam of sunshine has penetrated the somberness and a little more hope has been injected into the picture.

Of course, it is true that nothing has occurred to minimize to any extent the depressing effect of a prospective world carryover of 1,200 million bushels. That will continue to have a deadening effect on the market, but there is hope that the 1939 world crop will be substantially smaller in quantity than the record-breaking crop of 4,471 million bushels harvested in 1938. The best thing that could happen to the wheat trade would be the harvesting of a crop this year of half a billion bushels less than last year's outturn.

Whatever optimism there is in the market is pretty well concentrated at Chicago. It is believed that the United States has about reached its objective of 100 million bushels exports and cash wheat is being gathered up to fill outstanding orders. It is believed that the winter wheat acreage may be even lower than the last government estimate. Recent widespread precipitation has improved the crop's condition but it will take ideal weather to furnish an average yield on the acreage seeded.

On the continent of Europe it is quite possible substantial damage has been done by severe weather. Europe in 1938 harvested a record crop of 1,814 million bushels. If this year's crop is down to 1,600 million it would help world trade tremendously. Undoubtedly, there has been substantial feeding of low grade wheat to livestock in Europe.

Chance of Revival

If European nations turn towards a more peaceable policy there will be an inclination towards a revival of the wheat trade. There is no doubt of the fact that the German nation is seriously under-nourished. Working men have to labor sixty hours a week and are hard-pressed to get enough to eat for their families and themselves. Germany is said to be spending \$1-1/2 billion a year for armament and her economy is exceedingly shaky as a consequence. If war scares diminish and some help is extended in the way of credit Germany might become a large food purchaser.

The Australian wheat surplus is only 93 million bushels compared with actual shipments of 135 million in 1938. There has been a fair demand for Australian wheat to date and some 15 million bushels have already been purchased. Russia is reported to have bought five cargoes for Valdovostok, and China and India are expected to take considerable quantities of Australian wheat. The wheat crop in India is poor this year.

Argentina is selling wheat a little more freely but her surplus of around 200 million bushels may find difficulties in securing markets. Some of her wheat may be exchanged on a barter basis with European nations but no extensive transactions of that nature have been consummated as yet. Argentine wheat is not pressing on world markets as is usually the case at this time of year.

Canadian wheat continues to go to market in fair quantities. Apparently over 100 million bushels have been exported and the Wheat Board is still a free seller. Its object obviously is to get the carryover down to minimum figures, but it still looks as though 100 million bushels will be on hand when August 1st comes around.

After all the world level of prices is low. Wheat, the best food of the white races, is certainly a bargain at current prices.

Relief was received by 71,500 Albertans during the year ending March 31st, 1938, according to a recent report of Hon. W. W. Cross. The cost, \$5,740,886, was borne by the Federal, Provincial and municipal governments.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 31st.—The cattle market has been moderately active with prices steady. Good to choice butcher steers sold at \$5.75 to \$7, common to medium \$4 to \$5.50; good to choice heifers \$4.75 to \$6, common to medium \$3.25 to \$4.50. Good to choice fed calves were \$5.25 to \$6.50; good cows \$3.75 to \$4.25; canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2.25; good bulls \$3.50 to \$4; good to choice veal calves \$6 to \$7.50. Good stocker and feeder steers were quoted at \$4 to \$5; good stock cows and heifers \$2.50 to \$3.50. Hogs were higher with selects \$9.15, bacons \$8.65 and butchers \$7.65 off trucks.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 31st.—The market has been active with prices firm. Good to choice fed calves were \$5.50 to \$6.50; good to choice steers \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$4 to \$6; good to choice heifers \$5.25 to \$5.75, common to medium \$3.50 to \$5.25; good to choice cows \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters \$2.50 down; bulls \$3 to \$4. Good to choice kinds of stockers and feeders sold at \$4.50 to \$5.50, others \$3.50 to \$4.50; good to choice lightweight calves \$7 to \$7.50. The hog market was stronger with selects at \$9, bacons \$8.50 and butchers \$7.50 off trucks. Choice lightweight lambs \$7.25; yearlings \$4.50 down; ewes \$3 down.

Dairy Market

All butter markets are quieter and weaker, Montreal being quoted at 22-1/4c, Toronto 22, and Winnipeg 20-1/2. The British market dropped three shillings and this, of course, is an important influence on Canadian markets. Dairy trade has been very unsteady for some time but it is now felt that Eastern buyers must be getting low in stock and as a result an early buying wave is anticipated. Local prices are unchanged with first grade prints being quoted at 24c and special grade butter fat 18c.

The farm implement industry is to be investigated by the Saskatchewan Provincial Government.

Creamery butter production in Canada in 1938 amounted to over 267,000,000 pounds, an increase over the previous year of more than 8 per cent.

Federal and Provincial legislation providing for organization by the dairy industry of a marketing system was urged in a resolution passed by the Manitoba Dairy Association last week.

Prices for farm products this year will probably be somewhat better than in 1938 but not so good as in 1937, it is forecast in a recent survey of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The quarterly quota for imports of cattle into the U.S.A. was over 60 per cent filled at January 27th, Canada and Mexico each contributing around 18,000 head. For the next two months, the quota will be 23,554 head.

CJCL—Friendly Voice of the Foothills

That radio has made the world a very small place was well demonstrated over CJCL during the past week. In the space of four hours Saturday, January 28th, the listening audience travelled to New York for the Metropolitan Opera broadcast... went to London to hear the address of Prime Minister Chamberlain... returned to Chicago for Associated Press News and then returned to Calgary for the Canadian Press Bulletins just in by private wire from Toronto. Yes, the world is a small place when judged by the standards of radio measurements.

It's new... it's different, and that's why the Heigh-Ho Club has drawn smart mail response ever since it hit the air. Len Davis who is well known throughout the Province for his originality at the piano, has gathered five other local musicians together and originated a morning request feature. It's a hit in every way with guest artists appearing on occasion. As far as the audience is concerned Len Davis and his Heigh-Ho Club can stay as long as they please.

Neville York, popular Calgary radio personality is once again associated with regular radio duties. A general reorganization around the studios and transmitter finds Neville now handling a "Swing-Shift" relieving at the studios and transmitter. Bill White, announcer, Bob Thompson, engineer, and Virginia Scott, March of Fashion commentator, have entered other business fields... leaving radio broadcasting duties behind. Mac McKenzie has been placed in charge of all technical duties at CJCL.

Some Convention Features

Among important addresses delivered at the United Farmers' Convention were Mr. Brownlee's on the farm debt and debt legislation, of which the conclusions were given briefly in our last issue; Watson Thomson's on International Affairs; W. C. McKenzie's on Livestock Marketing; Howard Wright's on Seed Grain.

In order to describe in detail action taken by the Convention on resolutions, we have been unable to discuss these other matters, with some of which we hope to deal in our next issue, when we will publish also an account of the meeting of the Returned Soldiers' section, and resolutions it sponsored.

Travelling and other expenses in connection with the projected Royal visit to Canada next year will cost the Federal Government \$425,000, according to estimates tabled in the House of Commons.

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Bee-keepers' Plans for Marketing Are Now Making Progress

Supervisor Reports Co-operative Activities in Various Fields in Alberta

As the result of a recent meeting in Edmonton of representatives of 800 bee-keepers living north of Red Deer, plans are rapidly being matured for the formation of a bee-keepers' association for this territory. A. H. Christensen, supervisor of co-operative activities for the Department of Trade and Industry, informed *The Western Farm Leader* a few days ago. A committee of ten was appointed at the meeting to draw up the necessary contract for a Northern Alberta Association. R. Hunsley, Agency Building, Edmonton, is temporary secretary.

In Brooks District

At Brooks last week Mr. Christensen conferred with 70 bee-keepers and O. S. Hillerud, Provincial Apiarist. A committee of ten was elected and instructed to take steps to obtain incorporation of a Marketing Association. Messrs. Philpott, Desmond and Owen, together with the secretary, S. A. Stuart, were entrusted with the task of drawing up the contract, which must have the approval of the ten committee men. When complete the contract will be mailed to every beekeeper in the district.

Among developments at other recent meetings attended by Mr. Christensen, was the formation of a farmers' purchasing group by 70 Hungarian farmers in the Brooks district, for the purchase of bulk goods. J. Derutrovi of Brooks is secretary.

Mr. Christensen said that Lethbridge Co-operative Mines Association, Limited, (Mr. Burnat, president) which he has just inspected, is capable of producing and shipping 100 tons a day. The Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale had so far been the the largest purchaser. Mr. Christensen suggested that it is well worth the consideration of any co-operative in Southern Alberta.

In Lethbridge Carl Johnson, Diamond City, N. Woods, Shaughnessy, F. Elliott of Shaughnessy and R. P. Court, H. B. Gillie and John Anderson of Diamond City, and Mr. Russell of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation

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Heavy property damage was caused, and thousands had to vacate their homes, during recent floods of the Thames River, in England.

Plans are being made for manufacturing "co-op" tractors in a co-operative community at Arthurvale, West Virginia, in the near future. Mid-Western co-operatives are sponsoring the project.

District were interviewed concerning plans for either a cheese factory or a creamery. Before any definite action is decided on the fullest information will be obtained, it was stated, from the leading men in Alberta co-operative creameries.

Taber District

The Taber District Producers' Association held the largest meeting in its history with J. Evenson in the chair, and J. W. Anderson, N. Jensen and Messrs. Allen, Haynes, Shaw, Wood, among those taking part. Plans had been considered for the establishment of a co-operative cannery, "but it was decided first of all to form a marketing organization and through this to develop a spirit of co-operation to such a degree that if and when a decision is made to go into the processing business, the necessary loyalty of members will be assured," said the supervisor. "The marketing association will through members' contracts endeavor to bargain for the growers. It is significant that the decision was unanimous."

The small consumers organization which started in Innisfree November 12th to operate a store under the supervision of and in co-operation with the Vermilion Co-operative Association, Ltd., owing on that date \$1,998 to the Vermilion organization, on December 31st was creditor of the latter to the extent of \$1,161, due to the fact that shares had been promptly paid up by Innisfree farmers. The store has made money from the beginning.

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OTTAWA LETTER

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overwhelming sentiment among the members is in favor of the increase in the estimates, and of the creation of the defence purchasing board to safeguard public expenditures on defence from political influence and undue profits. The board will be given the duty of making all defence contracts in excess of \$5,000.

The new trade treaty with the United States will shortly be the subject of special debate when the pact is laid before the House for approval. The Government's program of unemployment relief, a feature of which is the reduction to 20 per cent of the proportion paid by municipalities for direct relief, will also be debated at length when the supplementary estimates are issued. Both these questions, however, have been discussed by various speakers. The trade treaty was supported with vigor by Mr. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce. In his remarks he made it quite clear that he did not believe that the new triangular trade pact would injure the principle of British preferences. The two pacts did not "sound the death knell of British preferences," as opposition members had claimed.

Problems of Agriculture

The troubles that beset the Canadian agriculturalist have been discussed by a number of members. Miss Agnes Macphail, U.F.O.-Labor member from Grey-Bruce, Ontario, said farmers have had to pay exorbitant prices for farm machinery. They have had to pay high interest rates. Even the Farm Loan Board—grateful though she was for what it has done—charges five per cent. Farmers work hard and

get very little pay, Miss Macphail said, but they are now emerging from a long sleep.

"The first thing that must be done and the only thing that the farmer can do for himself, is to organize agriculture so completely that there will be one body that can speak for agriculture," she declared.

The farmers having formed an organization will be coming to Ottawa and demanding marketing legislation "which will give authority to the majority of a commodity group to bring the minority into line with their wishes, and they will demand a price equal to the cost of production, including wages to the farmer."

Agriculturalists have been reluctant to follow the example of some other industries in controlling production. But Denmark has done it in the case of bacon.

Loans at 3 Per Cent

Miss Macphail suggested that the Federal Government should institute a Farm Loans Scheme which would give loans to young farmers at not more than three per cent, with repayment in periods up to thirty years and with the farmers being required to put up not more than 25 per cent of the amount needed. The age limit for old age pensions, Miss Macphail said, should be reduced to 65 years and later to 60. She commended the youth program instituted by the Government, but suggested it should be broadened to cover the whole field of economic life. Some provision should be made for the pleasant and useful occupation of youth, both employed and unemployed. Miss Macphail favored the setting up of camps like those operated in the United States by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Loyalists Still Hold Large Area



Driven from the temporary capital at Barcelona, the Catalan forces of the Spanish Loyalist Government, as we go to press, still hold a strip of territory near the French frontier. Some 20,000 of them, it is announced, have been shipped by sea to the other Loyalist-held portion of Spain, also shown by shading, seeking to evade Franco's ships and his Italian and German airmen. With their backs to the wall the Loyalists have announced that they will still carry on the valiant fight against the Fascist enemies.

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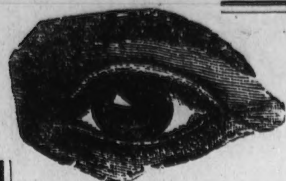
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threat" failed to do much threatening and of course the boss gets the blame.

We've just finished reading a pathetic little note in one of the Edmonton dailies in which the Lions' Club appeals to the northern city's hockey fans to support their Senior team. One of life's little mysteries is the fact that the Edmonton club has never been able to get one-quarter the support that Calgary hockey enthusiasts shower upon their team. Even this year, when the Calgary Stampeders have been last most of the season, fans turn out four and five thousand strong at all their games. One crowd of that size at an Eskimo game would raise both the players' and fans' spirits a whole lot—after they recovered from the shock. Maybe the foothills city is more prosperous—maybe.

Jimmy Foxx, big first baseman with the Boston Red Sox, is reported to have signed a \$30,000 contract for 1939. Nice work if you can get it.

Joe Louis, world's champion heavyweight leather slinger, again made it very clear that he's definitely the big noise in the fight world, when he took just two minutes, 29 seconds, to make John Henry Lewis (colored and Joe's best friend) feel as though he'd been hit with a steam roller. After several little trips to the mat, at Joe's insistence, of course, John Henry's future worried the officials and the bout was stopped. Joe is making it a little monotonous for fight fans for this is the second time the Brown Bomber has cleaned up things in just one round.

Requesting the Government to admit, "on humanitarian grounds, in the same manner as other democratic nations are doing, a reasonable number of victims of persecution to this Dominion," a resolution passed by the C.C.F. National Council was read in the House of Commons by M. J. Coldwell.

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And while we are handing out the bouquets, here's a bunch of fragrant violets to Jack Sutherland for the way he handled the radio program. Darn that son of a gun, he had us listening until 1 a.m.

Here is a bunch of sweet smelling roses to Iron Springs for the efficiency and co-operation we received from the U.F.W.A. delegate from that district.

On behalf of the Henderson Secretarial School, this column sends sincere thanks to the U.F.A. in General and to Jack Sutherland, Norman Priestley, and to W. Norman Smith, the Editor of this great family journal, in particular, for the manner in which they handled our "Guess What?" program. We were glad to hand over this time to help farmers of Alberta, and don't forget any time you are in town and want to write home to come in and we shall be glad to do it for you without charge.

TODAY'S GREAT THOUGHT

To know when you won't is better than to know when you will.

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—Thexn to F. P., Lethbridge.

OMIGOSH!

"Caution—Always hang out a red lantern when the rear end of a sleeper is exposed."—Sign of a U.S. Railway organization.

A British court has ruled that a husband can't forbid his wife to attend dances. Over here no judge would do that, but the result would be just the same.

"Man Discovered Unconscious." headline in a Vancouver paper. "That's nothing," says Jessie Sinclair, "I'd like to find one that isn't."

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Mary E. M., Carbon: Are you never coming to life again?

Gloomy Gus intimates that a lot of folks are so pessimistic that they

won't look ahead for fear they will see something else to worry about.

YEP, OUR GALS ARE NICE

Refined Sydney: Calgary is surely a most refined city. During the recent U.F.A. convention I was crossing Ninth Avenue when two well-dressed janes tried to get run over by a big truck. The driver stuck his head out of the window and asked them in a nice, refined way wottinell they were trying to do. Whereupon one of these nice, refined Calgary girls snapped back: "Aw, pull in yer neck."

Refinedly yours, K.G.B., Edmonton

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To know and hear and see;
But I'd not care to live a day
If you stopped loving me.
There's a tale to tell and a song
to sing
With friends who care for me.

There's a new desire to find and try,
And plans to make and share;
But I would much prefer to die
If you should cease to care.

—Via Vae.



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Here's Mollie whose surname is Fenner, She lives in the village of Jenner. Some smart city guy Asked her to dine and, oh, my, That Aleo is minus a tenner.

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Barcelona Falls Before Mechanized Units of Franco and His Allies



With the aid of the "non-intervention" committee controlled by the representatives of Hitler, Mussolini, the Chamberlain Government of Britain and the Daladier Government of France whose policy Britain now controls, General Francisco Franco, Spanish rebel leader and his Italian Fascist armies, and Nazi and Fascist aeroplanes, artillery and tanks, last week broke down the resistance of virtually munition-less Loyalist armies in Catalonia, captured Barcelona and have now overrun most of the Province.

The "non-intervention" committee, in violation of the hitherto established code of international law which recognizes the right of any government to purchase arms for its own defence against

rebellion, deprived the constitutional government of Spain of power to exercise that right. At the same time, the committee and the British and French Governments turned a blind eye to the action of the German and Italian Governments, which openly boasted of the troops (mostly Italian), technicians and modern arms they had poured into rebel Spain.

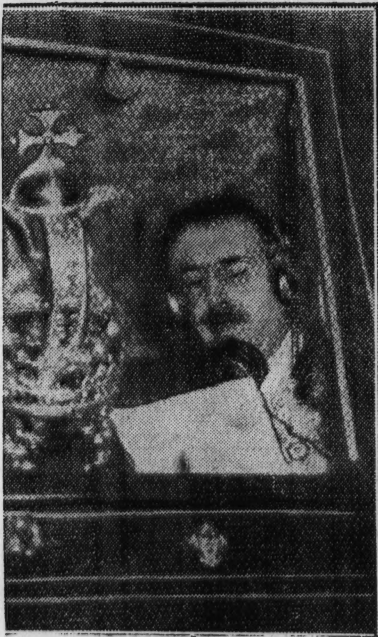
Throughout the war Franco has received encouragement and public support from a group of influential members of the British House of Commons, some of whom are now members of the Chamberlain Government. Today the communications of Britain and France are gravely menaced in the Mediterranean by reason of the

Fascist occupation of the greater part of Spain.

The picture shows an air view of Barcelona, industrial capital of Spain, where the Loyalist Government had been established. Refugees poured north in their thousands last week towards the French frontier, prior to Franco's entry. The Loyalist Government was transferred to a town near the French border to the north, but the defeat of its Catalonian army seems virtually complete.

Thus another of the few remaining European democracies is being sacrificed in pursuance of the policy of "appeasement" of dictators, and scales have been weighted against democracies throughout the world.

Talk Across Ocean While Riding to Work

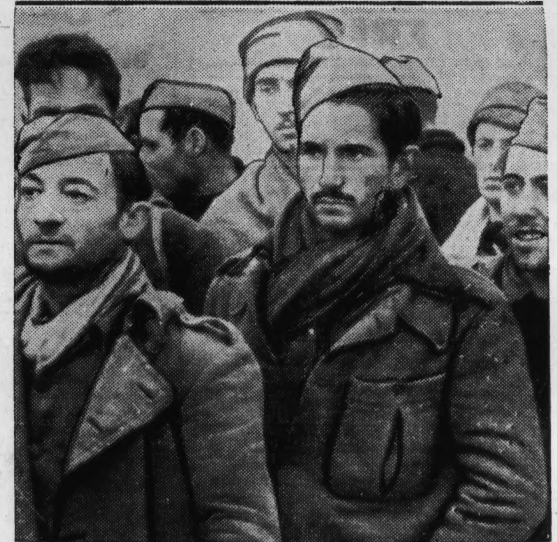


While two busy men rode to work, one in New York, the other in London, greetings were exchanged and an invitation to the New York World's Fair offered by Mayor La Guardia to Major Sir Frank Henry Bowater, Lord Mayor of London. Short wave radio



provided the means of communication, while the whole world listened in. London's Lord Mayor (left) is seen in a radiophoto as he chatted from his carriage en route to the office, while Mayor La Guardia (right) hums along in his automobile.

Nothing Left to Fight With



Shortage of munitions in the Loyalist armies in Catalonia last week ended their power of effective resistance to the rebel and invaders' armies. In the final stages of the fight for Barcelona, it was reported by Vincent Sheean, famous American war correspondent, they were served with five cartridges each for their rifles—a pitifully inadequate defence against the advancing mechanized units. The picture shows a number of the Loyalist soldiers, captured in the earlier stages of the rebel advance. They are wearing the typical ill-fitting uniforms and week-old beards.